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22 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs
FROM: Chief, FBIS
SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Recent Consumer Reaction:

a. The BBC Monitoring Service thanked the Mediterranean Bureau for "prompt and excellent coverage of Turkish developments" during the Turkish coup attempt in late May. [redacted] 50X1

b. The Director of Intelligence (J-2) of the U.S. Southern Command with headquarters in the Panama Canal Zone expressed to the Acting Panama Bureau Chief the command's appreciation for the FBIS product, and noted that the FBIS wirefile will be even more useful with the planned establishment of a command indications center. [redacted] 50X1

c. The Navy requested that eight new addresses be added to the list of consumers for Key West Bureau material involving reports of jet practice flights and offshore artillery practice in Cuba. [redacted] 50X1

d. The Office of Soviet Affairs, Department of State, wrote to FBIS expressing appreciation for rapid receipt in the original Russian of certain portions of Khrushchev's 2 July speech in East Berlin. The transliterated materials, supplied by the London Bureau and relayed by the Wire Service in response to an urgent request, were used in support of a special briefing for the President. The letter said that the Office of Soviet Affairs had always found FBIS to be helpful and cooperative when asked for crash projects or information. [redacted] 50X1

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e. In reply to a Wire Service survey, the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, described the Wire Service as "an invaluable adjunct to the intelligence resources of this command," adding that it "provides an excellent insight into Bloc developments" and represents "a unique timely reporting source on events to which the Bloc nations react or (which they) have instigated." [redacted]

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f. The Deputy Director (Intelligence), expressed his appreciation for RPB's recent compilation "Soviet Leadership Studies 1957-1963" which he described in a memorandum to the Assistant Director for Operations as "a unique record and reference for all concerned--and a base for the Agency's continued effort, in which OO has a large part, to meet the vital question of the Soviet succession in advance of the event itself." The Director, Research and Reference Service, USIA, wrote to the Chief, Radio Propaganda Branch, saying this volume will make a valuable contribution to his organization's understanding of the Soviet scene, "a new example of the fine job that FBIS had been doing throughout the years." [redacted]

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2. Support of Harriman Delegation: Contributions to the Organization support cables for Under Secretary Harriman in Moscow are being provided Sunday through Friday by RPB for the duration of the U.S.-British-Soviet test ban talks in Moscow. Propaganda-analysis cables for the U.S. disarmament delegation in Geneva were suspended when the talks recessed for the month of July; filing of copy to Geneva from field bureaus is continuing during the recess, at the delegation's request. [redacted]

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3. Captive Nations Week: Examples of Soviet comment on Captive Nations Week in July 1962 and of propaganda on the occasion this year were assembled for Under Secretary Harriman prior to his departure for Moscow. [redacted]

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4. Radio Propaganda Reports: [redacted]

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a. The eighth in the series on Cuban media, CD.228, documented the impact of Castro's trip to the USSR on the orientation of Cuban policy and on Cuban-Soviet relations.

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b. "Soviet Public Statements on Antimissile Defense, Global Rockets, and Space Warfare," a three-part compilation with introductory notes, was issued as RS.59 in response to a request from the Defensive Systems Division, OSI. This report updated a similar review of Soviet statements published at OSI request in December 1961, covering the period from 1957.

c. The third in the new series tracing the public appearances of members of the CPSU Presidium and Secretariat was issued as RS.60.

d. "Moscow Propaganda on Vostoks V and VI," CD.229, provided a sequel to a Radio Propaganda Report of September 1962 on Moscow propaganda following the orbiting of Vostoks III and IV.

5. Propaganda-analysis Items on the Wire:

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a. An assessment of the 21 June PEOPLE'S DAILY Observer article on President Kennedy's American University speech.

b. Background on Khrushchev's proposal for a limited test-ban agreement and his linkage of such an agreement with a NATO-Warsaw Treaty nonaggression pact.

c. Evidence of attempts to muffle the extent of Soviet-Rumanian discord in Moscow propaganda on the recent visit of a high-level CPSU delegation to Rumania.

6. Reaction Report: A report on foreign radio and press assessment of President Kennedy's visit to West Europe was prepared with field bureau support in time to deliver copies to the White House before the President's return the morning of 3 July.

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7. Daily Report Supplements: Two Daily Report supplements were published: The first, on 1 July, comprised the text of Khrushchev's speech at the CPSU Central Committee Plenum; the second, on 5 July, contained excerpts of Walter Ulbricht's 24 June speech at a Berlin economic conference.

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8. Interest in Africa: A report on Peking broadcasts to Africa with a selection of recent FBIS publications containing information on the same subject was prepared for Senator Keating's office on request. Arrangements were made to supply daily copies of monitored materials

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relating to Africa, but not used by the FBIS Wire Service, to the Voice of America in support of a new series of VOA broadcasts beamed to that area. [REDACTED]

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9. Press Scrutiny: In June 83 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to radio material and 17 percent to press scrutiny. [REDACTED]

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10. Experimental Daily Report Production: The tape-conversion, mark-sensing equipment developed for experimental Daily Report production from teletype tapes was demonstrated at the Census Bureau to FBIS and other Organization personnel. The equipment worked well, producing finished offset mats at the rate of 48 words a minute as compared with some 28 words a minute with the present stencil system. The equipment is now being modified and packaged for greater efficiency. The present schedule calls for delivery to FBIS by 15 September for testing in a pilot project which will involve production of portions of the Latin America Daily Report. The system will require minor changes in teletype punching procedures by the bureaus processing Latin American copy. [REDACTED]

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FIELD OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING

11. Press Sourcelines: FOS circulated a proposed change in press sourcelines to those bureaus which copy press transmissions for their comment and recommendation. The principal change in the proposed sourcelines is elimination of the target area. [REDACTED]

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12. Allocated Circuit Outages: A study of outages from all causes on STARCOM allocated circuits over a four-month period shows a steady decline in average daily outages since FBIS restoration priorities were upgraded. [REDACTED]

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13. Monthly Traffic Report: It would be appreciated if, in compiling the monthly traffic report, traffic routed to another bureau entirely by common-user circuits were indicated by using the bureau's STARCOM routing indicator, and traffic sent by allocated channel by using the FBIS relay symbol. [REDACTED]

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14. Traffic to West Coast Bureau: With the dual purpose of easing the communications relay load at Headquarters and to give WCB more east-bound time on its half-duplex leased line to Washington, Panama

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and Okinawa Bureaus were encouraged to file routine traffic to WCB through STARCOM common-user circuits. High precedence and administrative traffic should continue to flow through FBIS channels.

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15. High-speed Traffic: The Panama Bureau began sending and receiving teletype traffic on its common-user circuits at 100 words per minute in May; the Tokyo Bureau began similar operations in July.

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16. VHF System: The 904-1 VHF receiver and log periodic antenna at the German Bureau were a key element in radio coverage of Khrushchev's visit to East Germany. During a good part of the visit, this receiver was the only source at either Frankfurt or Caversham of voice coverage of the visit in East Berlin and later at Frankfurt on the Oder.

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17. Mobile Monitoring Unit: The mobile monitoring unit at the East Coast Bureau is about 95 percent complete. The rate of further progress will depend on available manpower.

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ADMINISTRATION

18. Certificate of Merit: [redacted] Chief of the Broadcast Information Section prior to his retirement in January 1963, was awarded the Organization's Certificate of Merit with Distinction for his superior and outstanding service as an Information Specialist over a period of 20 years, and for outstanding performance in devising and developing techniques and formats connected with his specialty.

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19. Quality Step Increase: [redacted], Monitoring Technician Supervisor at the East Coast Bureau, was awarded a Quality Step Increase on the recommendation of his supervisor for having served with great effectiveness and outstanding devotion to duty as Chief of ECB's Press Intercept Unit.

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20. Dollar Equivalents: Bureau correspondence containing money quotations in foreign currency should always include the dollar equivalent.

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21. Life Insurance: In some recent cases, Organization employees had not availed themselves of the life insurance programs the Organization offers its classified employees with the result that upon their death their survivors faced moderate to severe financial difficulties. FBIS employees are urged to review their insurance programs periodically to determine if they should or can improve the provisions they are making for their families. UBLIC, WAEPA, and FEGLI insurance plans are available through the Organization as are several policies which can be purchased by employees who travel. Bureau Administrative Officers have brochures describing benefits and costs of these policies, and employees are invited to seek advice.

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22. Regulatory Issuances: The following regulatory issuances were disseminated: [REDACTED]

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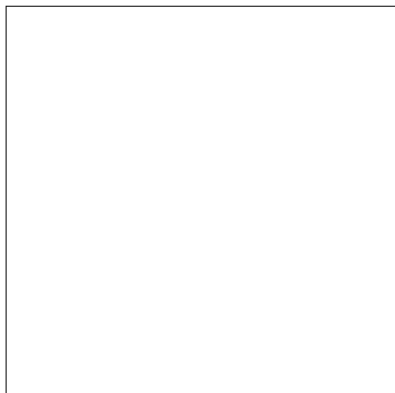
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EDITORIAL

1. Mediterranean Bureau: Headquarters appreciates the efforts of Arab monitors, editors, and teletypists in processing the voluminous transcripts of the minutes of the Arab federation unity talks held last spring in Cairo, broadcast in late June and July by Cairo radio. By the middle of July the bureau had monitored some 35 hours of broadcasts of the minutes, the texting of which was requested by BBC. The BBC agreed to transcribe seven hours of the recordings, but the rest were texted by the Mediterranean Bureau while meeting regular commitments.

2. Okinawa Bureau: Efforts of the bureau to check, compare and promptly inform Headquarters concerning NCNA English and Domestic Service versions of key items, as in the case of the CPR Foreign Ministry notes of 8 and 9 July and the reportage on the Chong Pong-ku banquet on 11 July are greatly appreciated.

ADMINISTRATION1. New EmployeesAssignment

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 Watch Officer, East Coast Bureau
 Typist, Editorial Branch
 Editor, USSR/EE Section, Editorial Branch

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 Editorial Branch
 Watch Officer
 East Coast Bureau
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3. Resignations



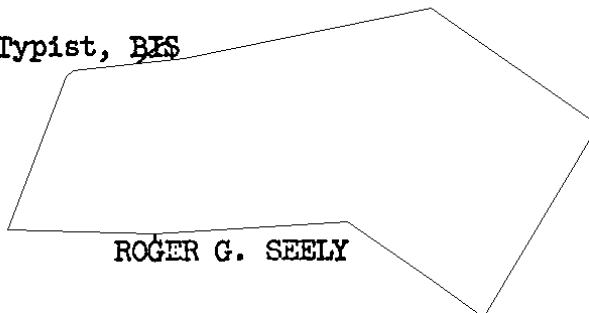
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